
SENATE BILL 5901

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By Senators Kastama, Kilmer, Kauffman and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to the responsibilities of the Washington quality
2 award council; amending RCW 43.06.335; and making appropriations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.06.335 and 2004 c 245 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The Washington quality award council shall be organized as a
7 private, nonprofit corporation, in accordance with chapter 24.03 RCW
8 and this section.

9 (2) The council shall oversee the governor's Washington state
10 quality award program. The purpose of the program is to improve the
11 overall competitiveness of the state's economy by stimulating
12 Washington state industries, business, and organizations to bring about
13 measurable success through setting standards of organizational
14 excellence, encouraging organizational self-assessment, identifying
15 successful organizations as role models, and providing a valuable
16 mechanism for promoting and strengthening a commitment to continuous
17 quality improvement in all sectors of the state's economy. The
18 governor shall annually present the award to organizations that improve

1 the quality of their products and services and are noteworthy examples
2 of high-performing work organizations, as determined by the council in
3 consultation with the governor or appointed representative.

4 (3) The governor shall appoint a representative to serve on the
5 board of directors of the council.

6 (4) The council shall establish a board of examiners, a recognition
7 committee, and such other committees or subgroups as it deems
8 appropriate to carry out its responsibilities.

9 (5) The council may conduct such public information, research,
10 education, and assistance programs as it deems appropriate to further
11 quality improvement in organizations operating in the state of
12 Washington.

13 (6) The council shall:

14 (a) Approve and announce award recipients;

15 (b) Approve guidelines to examine applicant organizations;

16 (c) Approve appointment of board of examiners; (~~and~~)

17 (d) Arrange appropriate annual awards and recognition for
18 recipients;

19 (e) Provide training to technical assistance providers from the
20 department of community, trade, and economic development, Washington
21 manufacturing service, associate development organizations, and other
22 organizations in continuous quality improvement, performance
23 measurement, strategic planning, and other approaches designed to
24 reduce operating costs, improve effectiveness, and increase
25 productivity in businesses receiving assistance; and

26 (f) Offer the services of a public sector and a private sector
27 manager to conduct conferences, perform outreach, provide training, and
28 deliver technical assistance to organizations, agencies, and businesses
29 to allow them to develop and implement quality management,
30 accountability, and performance systems.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The sum of two hundred thousand dollars,
32 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
33 year ending June 30, 2008, from the state general fund to the
34 Washington quality award council for the operation of its quality award
35 program and the purposes of this act.

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